MR. CHAIRMAN-. If they are provided, will it be possible? You have been to Tirupati.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Yes, Sir, it ean be done, it is possible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You kindly examine it.

Next question.

*206. *[The questioner (Shri Vithal-bhai Mtiram Patel) was absent. For answer,* vide Cal. 33-34 *infra]*.

Study on Malnutrition among Children

*207. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to Btate:

(a) whether Government have recently conducted any study regarding malnutrition among children in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAFARDE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had requested the Indian Council of Medical Research to study the problems relating to Health and nutrition arising from drought conditions. The Council had undertaken a study which covered 241 villages in 26 districts in the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, O'rissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka covering a population of 25,617 including 9,666 pre-school children.

The study indicates that among preschool children, the major problems encountered were protein energy malnutrition, night-blindness and anaemia.

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सर, अभी कुछ ही समय पूर्व श्रीनगर में एक सम्मेलन आयोजित हुआ था "राष्ट्रीय पौष्टिक आहार नीति" पर और उसके विशेषज्ञों की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार 55 प्रतिशत बच्चों में कुपोषण के साइन हैं जो कि एक गंभीर समस्या है और अभी जैसा मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि कुछ ही राज्यों में ड्राउट कंडीशन्ज से उत्पन्न समस्या को लेकर सर्वे किया गया तो ऐसा क्या जनरल सर्वे कोई नहीं किया गया है ? अगर किया गया है तो उसकी रिपोर्ट क्या है ? दूसरा "बी" पार्ट आफ माई क्वश्चन इज आज ही के अखबार में एक-दो खबरें छपी हैं कि आयोडीन की कमी से दिल्ली में तीन लाख बच्चे प्रभावित हैं तो इसके बारे में सरकार क्या करने जा रही है और साथ ही जनरल सर्वे की रिपोर्ट क्या है ? सर्वे किया गया है या नहीं ?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, regarding studies in drought affected areas, I would like to tell the hon. Member that recently I visited Rajasthan.

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सर्वे किया गया है या नहीं ?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: I did not get your question. Will you repeat it?

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सर, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहती हूं कि जनरल यह बच्चों में कुपोषण कितना होता है, इसके बारे में नार्मल कंडीशन में बच्चों में कुपोषण या न्यूट्रीशन कितने परसेंट है ? क्या इसके बारे में कोई सर्वे किया गया है या नहीं ? अभी श्रीनगर में एक सम्मेलन हुआ था उसमें विशेषज्ञों की रिपोर्ट है कि बच्चों में 55 प्रतिशत कुपोषण पाया गया है जो कि एक गंभीर समस्या है और खास तौर से शहरी गंदी बस्तियों में 54 प्रतिशत बच्चों में कैलोरी कंजम्प्शन बहुत कम है, तो उसके बारे में कोई जनरल कंडीशन में सर्वे किया गया या नहीं ?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, the Indian Council of Medical Research constituted an Expert Committee in

•October, 1987, to study the effects of health and utritional status of the drought affected population.....I am coming to that point. The Committee undertook a survey in 241 villages in 20 districts in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. It suggested the following measures: at least two persons per family of five members—two adults and three children—should be provided employment under the drought relief works. I will come t_0 that. Will you just have som_e patience? I would just like to mention here that Government is very much aware of the deficiency of poor nutrition for the child. It is not merely related to my Ministry; it is Telated to all the Ministries for that matter. It is a problem which has to b_e looked into by other Ministries also, as I have mentioned, and an integrated policy has to be formulated. Sir, the Ministry Of Food and Civil Supplies is also conducting a •survey in this matter.

SHRI N. E. RALARAM: This is answer to which question, I do not understand.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You better answer in short. We have to go to other questions also.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA; Is this the reply she should give?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you planning to have a survey in normal conditions also?

KUMARI SARD J KHAPARDE: A general survey has been done.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Is there a higher percentage than the percentage of the population below -the poverty line? Let us try to understand this?

MR. CHAIRMAN; Both are same.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Let me answer, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is putting the same thing (Interruptions).

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE.- The more you ask from all the corners, the more I get confused. Will you listen to me now?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will tell you one thing. The only question is: will you go in for a survey under normal conditions also?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, I would like to reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Which Mr. Nirmai Chatterjee answered for you, that is, because of the malnutrition due to the economic condition. He has done your job.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: A general survey was done in the year 1982 by the ICMR and involving nine States. I have already mentioned that we have included nine States and the ICMR had done the survey in the year 1982.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Smt. Patil.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA; Sir, my second supplementary.

श्री सभापति : वीणा वर्मा जी, आप बैठिए। आपने दो बार पूछ लिया है।

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: No, Sir. That was my first question.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA-JAN: She asked one question twice.

MR. CHAIRMAN-. Give a chance to another lady also. You have asked one question twice. All right. Make your question clear and short.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Yes, yes. सर, मेरा सेकेण्ड सप्लीमेंटरी है, अभी जैसा मंत्री जी ने बताया...

श्री सभापति : आप यह छोड़िए मंत्री जी ने क्या बताया, आप सवाल पूछिए।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा : सर, कुछ स्टेट्स में इन्होंने सर्वे कराया है और इसमें जो नतीजे निकले हैं, उसके अनुसार तीन प्रोब्लम्स सामने आयी हैं—एनर्जी मालन्यूट्रीशन, नाइट ब्लाइण्डनेस और एनीमिया की। तो मैं जानना चाहती हूं कि सरकार इनके निदान के लिए क्या कदम उठाने जा रही है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: A good question.

KUMARi SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, the scheme of prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency was started in the Fourth Five-Year Plan. The scheme is being continued during the next Five-Year Pla$_n$ in order to cover cent per cent eligible children by 1990.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: That will be continued till the '21st century.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, the scheme is in operation. Again I will mention here, that is in the drought prone areas, urban slums and rural backward areas where Vitamin A deficiency is expected to be very high. During my recent visit to the drought-affected areas, because your question is very much connected with the drought-affected areas also, in Rajasthan I found cases of night-blindness among the children. These areas are again given priority for im plementation of the programme. Vitamin A, ___

MR. CHAIRMAN: Massive doses of Vitamin A are being provided every sixth months.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: I am coming to that point, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Make your answer also short.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Every six months to children a solution is supplied in rural areas through the Community Health Centres. *(Interruptions)* .

SHRI A. G. KULKABNI: Sir, are you exhausted? Why are you exhausted please? She is fluently replying to this question. Let us appreciate her. Why should you not appreciate? Mr. Nirmai Chatterjee is teasing her. We should appreciate her.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Thank you very much.

Sir, I am coming to the point the lady Member has asked me.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: One Mr. Kulkarni is appreciating the teasing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't insinuate. Mr. Nirmai Chatte'rjee is also appreciating.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Mr. Chairman is exhausted. I am really requesting him not to get exhausted. She is giving a proper reply.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: As I have just now mentioned Vitamin A is given in large doses to children in the age group of one to five years. Synthetic vitamin A solution is supplied in the rural areas through community health centres, primary health centres, sub-centres and Anganwaris and in urban areas through postpartum centres, urban family welfare centres and NCS centres etc.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: It must be appreciated that she knows he subject fairly well.

श्रीमती सूर्यकांता जयवंतराव पाटील : श्रीमन्, अब तक की सारी चर्चा सुनकर यह तो पता चलता है कि देश के बच्चों की हालत बहुत खराब है। श्रीमन्, अब तक जो 9 राज्यों में ड्राउट की बात की गयी, मेरा सवाल इस तरह का नहीं है, मैं यह चाहती हूं कि 1982 में जो सर्वे कराया गया था उस तरह का जनरल सर्वे क्या सरकार करना चाहती है और करेगी ?

कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे : जरूर करना चाहते हैं और करेंगे ।

श्रीमती सूर्यकांता जयवंतराव पाटील : श्रीमन्, दूसरी बात—मामला कुपोषण का हो, आयोडीन का हो या नर्सों की कमी का हो, बच्चों की हालत तो खराब है । तो उसके बारे में सरकार क्या करना चाहती है ?

श्री रऊफ वलीउल्लाह : सभापति जी, पिछले वीक में भी आपने यह कहा था कि बच्चों के मामले में वह ज्यादा नहीं जानती हैं ।

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री तथा नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल वोरा) : सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य तो बच्चों के बारे में काफी जानते हैं । सभापति महोदय, इसके लिए निश्चित रूप से सर्वे कराया जाएगा और बच्चों में कुपोषण के बारे में जो उनकी सिफारिशें आएंगी उन्हें दूर करने के प्रयत्न किए जाएंगे ।

Programme for promoting excellence in Sports

*208. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated a programme to promote excellence in sports;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) when the proposed programme is proposed to be brought into action and to what extent the promotion of 6ports in the country is likely to be boosted thereby?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Based on the objectives of the National Sports Policy, and taking into account the recommendations of Dr. Amrik Singh Committee Report which went into the report of the Indian Olympic Association on our performance in the 1986 Seoul Asiad, the Government have issued, afte'r discussions/consultations with the National Spoijts (federations, Indian Olympic Association and eminent sportspersons, fresh guidelines on the 16th February, 1988, with the objective of ensuring excellence through:—

(i) Preparation of long-term coacn-ing plans for the first time;

(ii) fixity of tenure of the national, coach upto 1990 to ensure performance and responsibility;

(hi) adequate competitive exposure at national and international levels;

(iv) determination of norms for entry and continuation in coaching camps;

(v) liberal financial assistance for the conduct of coaching camps, National Championships as well as holding of international events in the country;

(vi) equipment support;

(vii) participation abroad only on fulfilment of prescribed norms; and

(viii) emphasis on development of junior sportspersons/teams from the grass roots level upwards.

2. The immediate focus is on preparations for the 1990 Asiad for which 13 disciplines have already been identified so that concentrated efforts can be made for reaching the laid criteria fo'r participation. Provision has been kept for inclusion of sports-persons from pther disciplines also who may show the requisite perfor-